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TAGS : PINT, SHUM, TW, US
SUBJECT : HUMAN RIGHTS AND POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES

1. THE FEBRUARY 19 ISSUE OF "TAIWAN PRESBYTERIAN WEEKLY"
CARRIED A STORY HEADLINED "U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
ASSURES THAT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN TAIWAN WILL CONTINUE
TO BE CONCERNED WITH THE SAFETY OF THIS CHURCH'S
PERSONNEL." THE ARTICLE QUOTED FROM A LETTER REPORTEDLY
FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN DATED SEPTEMBER 14, 1977,
AS FOLLOWS: "IN REGARD TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE (HUMAN
RIGHTS) DECLARATION, THIS DEPARTMENT (OF STATE) IS VERY
FAMILIAR WITH IT. NAMELY THE FUTURE OF TAIWAN SHOULD BE
DECIDED BY THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION BY THE
PEOPLE." THE ARTICLE CLOSES WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL
QUOTE: "ALTHOUGH THE DRAFTER OF THAT DECLARATION HAS NOT
YET BEEN ARRESTED OR DETAINED BY THE AUTHORITIES, YOU
ARE STILL ASSURED THAT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN TAIPEI
WILL CONTINUE TO WATCH CLOSELY THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS
MATTER."

2. NOT ALL SUBSCRIBERS RECEIVED THEIR COPY OF THIS
NEWSLETTER (PRINTED IN NEWSPAPER FORMAT) SINCE THE
GOVERNMENT APPARENTLY INTERCEPTED SOME IN THE MAILS.
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WHILE WE HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING HOW MANY OF THE CHURCH'S
160,000 MEMBERS ON TAIWAN MAY HAVE SEEN THIS ISSUE,
WE CAN BE REASONABLY CERTAIN THAT MOST KNOW ITS
CONTENTS IF ONLY BY WORD OF MOUTH.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S LETTING US KNOW
WHETHER LETTER GENUINE. IF SO REQUEST FULL TEXT AND

BACKGROUND ON LETTER. UNGER

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